

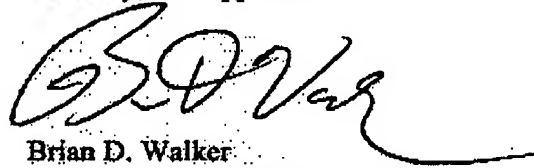
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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated December 13, 2004. Applicant has provided Claim 1 with the proper status identifier (Currently Amended) as required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 13, 2004 and

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/DDYN-26,685 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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